

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device which has first and second substrates disposed with a predetermined gap formed therebetween, and seals a liquid crystal in the gap, comprising:

a seal member provided in the gap between said first and second substrates,
said seal member being disposed outside a display area to seal said liquid crystal;

a wall-like structure disposed outside the display area and inside the seal member,
~~wherein there is provided~~ a column-like structure formed by a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35) for keeping the gap between said first and second substrates constant, and a shape of said wall-like structure is determined based on a state of said column-like structure, said wall-like structure being formed to a height which is lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate, wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, said wall-like structure being made of a different material from that of said seal member and formed in plural rows; said wall-like structure being composed of dashed rows having notches; said notches of said wall-like structure being formed alternately in staggered relationship in each of the plurality of dashed rows such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset relative to the notches in another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said wall-like structures whereby one said wall-like structure forms a

barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure so that said seal material does not flow directly into said display area from exteriorly of said wall-like structures, wherein positions of the notches of the plural dashed rows in said wall-like structure are determined based on a position of a wiring formed either on said first substrate or on said second substrate, wherein said wall-like structure is composed of dashed rows having notches, and wherein the positions of the notches of the plural dashed rows in said wall-like structure are determined based on a position of a wiring formed either on said first substrate or on said second substrate.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device which has a first substrate and a second substrate disposed with a predetermined gap formed therebetween, and seals a liquid crystal in the gap, comprising:

a seal member provided in the gap between said first and second substrates, said seal member being disposed outside a display area to seal said liquid crystal in said gap; and

a wall-like structure comprising a plurality of parallel rows of alternately staggered notched walls disposed outside said display area and inside said seal member, such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset in staggered relationship relative to the notches in another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said wall-like structures and forming an undulating passageway whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure, said wall-like structure being formed to a height

lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate, wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, said wall-like structure being provided for preventing said seal member from flowing into said display area from exteriorly of said wall-like structure, wherein there is provided a column-like structure formed by a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35) for keeping the gap between said first and second substrates constant, and a shape of said wall-like structure is determined based on a state of said column-like structure, wherein said seal member flows out in a fluidized state when said second substrate is pressed into said first substrate while heating said first and second substrates, and said wall-like structure is capable of stopping said seal member from entering said display area, through said staggered notched walls said seal member being in a fluidized state, and permitting said liquid crystal to flow into outside the wall-like structure when said liquid crystal flows out from said display area, and wherein said wall-like structure prevents air traps from occurring when said liquid crystal to be sealed flows into said display area.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising the steps of:

applying resin onto a first substrate, and patterning said resin to form a frame-shaped wall-like structure surrounding a display electrode; said wall-like structure comprising a frame-shaped structure composed of a plurality of rows, each row showing a dashed line shape have predetermined notches in staggered offset relationship to each other such that the notches in one row of said plural wall-like structure are always offset relative to the notches in

another row of said wall-like structures along the lengths of said well-like structures so as to inhibit flow of said seal member therethrough towards said liquid crystal whereby one said wall-like structure forms a barrier to a direct flow of said seal material through gaps formed by the notches in another said wall-like structure;

arranging a second substrate so as to face said first substrate on which said seal member is applied, and pressing said second substrates to each other by said seal material;

a column-like structure for regulating a size of the gap between said first and second substrates being formed together by coupling a column member (28) and a thereto-facing column member (35), wherein said column member is formed with said wall-like structure by patterning; and

injecting a liquid crystal into a gap between said first and second substrates, which are adhered to each other, wherein said wall-like structure is formed to a height which is lower than that of the gap formed between said first substrate and said second substrate by applying photosensitive resin onto said first substrate, wherein a minor space is formed between a free end of said wall-like structure and the adjacent substrate for reducing the meniscus of liquid crystal material flowing through said space, performing a UV exposure for the resin using a photomask, and curing the resin, and wherein an alignment film is applied after the formation of said wall-like structure, and then said seal member is applied outside said wall-like structure.